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Administrator of the EPA Regina McCarthy

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Dear Administrator of the EPA McCarthy,

I believe it's necessary to keep pressure on the EPA not to continue to downplay the damage from this spill or the need to clean it up properly and quickly.

Furthermore, the EPA's role in causing the spill and what appear to be attempts to cover up the damage call for independent investigation and public and independent oversight

It seems disingenuous, even misleading, for EPA to make a statement, according to the CNN report, that the river had already begun to "return toward pre-event conditions" as early as the day after the spill occurred.

Not just the health of the area's residents are at risk, perhaps for decades to come, due to the high mercury levels alone, but the fish are highly sensitive to the heavy metals found in the spill, including mercury which bioaccumulates via small fish eaten by larger ones.

Furthermore, given that EPA downplayed the size of the spill, then allegedly did not even warn New Mexico about the potential dangers of the heavy metal-contaminated water heading it's way, it's hard to believe that the high levels of mercury and other toxic contaminants spilled into the river aren't worse than what EPA testing shows.

Clearly this disastrous "mess" as the Navajo Nation portrays it, calls for public scrutiny to ensure the EPA does a proper job of monitoring the effects of the spill and a complete clean-up.

Thanks for you time.

Sincerely,

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